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ISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
for Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ______________________________ Historic: ______________________________
   2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: ______________________________ COUNTY: Middlesex
   3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 10,15,22,33 Wall Street
   4. OWNER(S): See next page (below #21) PUBLIC x PRIVATE
   5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
   6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes x no
      Interior accessible: yes, explain: x no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Italianate DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1875
   8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
      x clapboard 10,15: x asbestos siding 22: x brick
      ___ wood shingle ___ asphalt siding ___ fieldstone
      ___ board & batten ___ stucco ___ cobblestone
      ___ aluminum siding ___ concrete: type: brownstone
      other: foundations; 10,15,33
   9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
      x wood frame:___ post and beam x balloon 10,15,33
      x load bearing masonry 22 ___ structural iron or steel
      ___ other:
   10. ROOF: type:
       ___ gable ___ flat ___ mansard ___ monitor ___ sawtooth
       ___ gambrel ___ shed ___ hip(low) ___ round ___ other
       material: 10,15,22
       ___ wood shingle x roll asphalt x tin33(?) ___ slate
       ___ asphalt shingle built up ___ tile ___ other:
   11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 21'x47'
   12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent x good All fair: ___ deteriorated
       Exterior: excellent x good 10,22,33 x fair: ___ deteriorated
       15
   13. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site moved, when:
       Alterations: no x yes, explain: Some porch and ell additions
   14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
       ___ barn 10: x shed 33: x garage ___ other landscape features or buildings:
       ___ carriage house ___ shop ___ garden
   15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
       ___ open land ___ woodland x residential ___ scattered buildings visible from site
       ___ commercial ___ industrial ___ rural ___ high building density
   16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: These four Italianate houses face
       Wall Street in South Farms. A small commercial area and the Russell Manufacturing Company's
       industrial complex are a short distance away. Similarly sited two-story residences of the
       late nineteenth century characterize this lane. A small Gothic wooden church also borders
       the street which is lined by large trees and a few hitching posts.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: Builder:

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: These four buildings are representatives of the Italianate style, popular in this district during the 1860s and 70s. The houses were built after 1871 when John Hubbard and George Roberts, South Farms land speculators, opened Wall Street and divided the tract into building lots. By 1877, three of these structures had been erected. The sites continued to be developed through the early twentieth century.

All of these two-story buildings have three-bay facades with the doorway set to the side. They exhibit low hipped roofs with wide cornices and are of the same approximate size. Two display distinctive features characteristic of the style. 10 Wall Street has a one-story bay window and two small detailed porches with rectangular columns. Brackets supporting the porch and bay window cornices are identical to those at the eaves. These elaborate brackets are scrolled and end with a pediment. 33 Wall Street, the best-preserved member of the group, is clapboarded. Its two-story bay window has a tin roof. A wide fascia board is beneath the cornice and porches display detailed rectangular columns with brackets.

The buildings significantly contribute to Wall Street's late nineteenth century character. They are reminiscent of the residential development of South Farms following the Civil War.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Robert Svec
date: 10/78 view: 10, 22; west; 15, 33; east
negative on file: Roll 39, #8 11A (22); 14A (15); 17A (10)

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; 1874 Beers Atlas; 1877 Bailey Map

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known highways renewal
private

Owners: 10 Wall Street, John M. Belniak
15 Wall Street, Albert E. Ray
22 Wall Street, James P. Galanto 197
33 Wall Street, Albert J. Blaschke